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JUST IN CASE WIRE SERVICES HAVE NOT CARRIED FULL TEXT  
OF TV STATEMENT MADE BY IAN SMITH IN SALISBURY LAST NIGHT  
(DECEMBER 11) FOLLOWING IS TEXT AS CARRIED IN CAPE TIMES  
TODAY:

BEGIN TEXT: THERE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN A NUMBER OF MOVES  
BEHIND THE SCENES IN WHAT HAS BECOME KNOWN AS 'DETENTE' IN  
SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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THESE MOVES HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AT BRINGING AN END OF CON

FRONTATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SUBSTITUTING IN ITS  
STEAD CONDITIONS IN WHICH PEACEFUL DISCUSSION OF OUR AFFAIRS  
BECOMES THE INSTRUMENT WHEREBY DIFFERENCES CAN BE RESOLVED  
AND THE BEST SOLUTION FOUND.

THERE IS,I AM SURE, NO NEED FOR ME TO SPELL OUT THE  
BENEFITS FOR BLACK AND WHITE RHODESIANS WHICH WOULD FLOW  
FROM A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THESE MOVES.

IT IS VERY LARGELY THE AFRICANS IN THE TRIBAL TRUST  
LANDS IN THE NORTHEASTERN BORDER AREA WHO HAVE BORNE THE  
BRUNT OF THE TERRORISTS ATTACKS.

THE NUMBER OF TRIBESMEN WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE PAST  
TWO YEARS IS NOT FAR SHORT OF 200 AND MANY THOUSANDS OF THEM  
HAVE BEEN LIVING IN FEAR OF THEIR LIVES DURING THIS PERIOD.

TO AFFORD PROTECTION TO THESE PEOPLE IN THESE AREAS,  
VALUABLE HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES HAVE HAD TO BE  
DIVERTED FROM OUR MAIN TASK, WHICH IS TO DEVELOP OUR COUNTRY  
FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL ITS PEOPLE.

LOOKING BEYOND OUR BORDERS WE HAVE AS NEIGHBORS, IN ADDITION  
TO SOUTH AFRICA, THREE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH  
WHOM IT IS TO OUR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE TO COOPERATE TO THE FULL.

FOR THESE REASONS, I HAVE WELCOMED THE INITIATIVES  
TOWARDS 'DETENTE' WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN MADE IN SOUTHERN  
AFRICA AND WHICH HAVE NOW REACHED A CLIMAX.

YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE THAT THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT  
ITSELF TOOK A BOLD INITIATIVE IN ALLOWING DETAINED AFRICAN  
LEADERS TO PROCEED TO LUSAKA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH  
PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

DURING THIS PERIOD,CONTACTS ALSO TOOK PLACE BETWEEN SALISBURY  
AND LUSAKA BUT LAST WEEKEND IT BECAME CLEAR THAT  
SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES HAD ARISEN.

THESE WERE DESCRIBED IN A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE  
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RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT ON SATURDAY,DECEMBER 7. THE EXCHANGES  
HAVE CONTINUED THIS WEEK AND THE DIFFICULTIES I HAVE  
MENTIONED HAVE NOW BEEN RESOLVED.

IN PARTICULAR,FIRSTLY,I HAVE RECEIVED ASSURANCES TO  
THE EFFECT THAT TERRORISTS ACTIVITIES IN RHODESIA WILL  
CEASE IMMEDIATELY, AND SECONDLY,THAT THE PROPOSED CONSTITU-  
TIONAL CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE WITHOUT ANY PRE-CONDITIONS.

ACCORDINGLY,I HAVE AGREED TO RELEASE THE AFRICAN LEADERS FROM DETENTION AND RESTRICTION, AND THEIR FOLLOWERS AS WELL. THEY WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENGAHE IN NORMAL ACTIVITY IN TERMS OF THE LAWS APPLICABLE TO ALL RHODESIANS.

I AM TAKING THIS ACTION ON THE FIRM UNDERSTANDING THAT EVERYONE CONCERNED WILL CONDUCT THEMSELVES PEACEFULLY AND WITHIN THE LAW. THIS WILL,I BELIEVE,CREATE THE RIGHT ATMOSPHERE FOR THE HOLDING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE.

NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE SOME AMONG YOU WHO WILL FEEL CONCERNED AT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. IN THE LIGHT OF EVENTS IN THE PAST DECADE,THIS IS UNDERSTANDABLE.

HOWEVER, LET ME REASSURE YOU ALL, FIRSTLY, THAT IT IS YOUR GOVERNMENT'S FIRM INTENTION TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER IN RHODESIA, AND SECONDLY,THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DEVIATE FROM OUR STANDARDS OF CIVILIZATION.

THERE MAY BE OTHER WHO WILL BE MISLED INTO THINKING THAT THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA TODAY IS COMPARABLE WITH THAT EXISTED IN MOZAMBIQUE BEFORE THE NOUP IN METROPOLITAN PORTUGAL LAST APRIL.

THE FALLACIES AND MISCONCEPTIONS IN THIS LINE OF THINKING CAN BE READILY EXPOSED, BUT THIS IS NOT THE OCCASION FOR ME TO ENLARGE ON THESE DIFFERENCES. LET ME ASSURE YOU

HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY WHATEVER OF A UNCLASSIFIED

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SIMILAR TRAIN OF EVENTS OCCURING HERE IN RHODESIA.

THERE ARE TWO FURTHER WORDS OF WARNING WHICH I BELIEVE ARE APPROPRIATE THIS EVENING. FIRSTLY,ALTHOUGH I HAVE ACCEPTED IN COMPLETE GOOD FAITH THE UNDERTAKING THAT ACTS OF TERRORISM WILL CEASE IMMEDIATELY,IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME FOR THIS TO BE FULLY EFFECTIVE.

PEOPLE IN THE AFFECTED AREAS SHOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE TO TAKE APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS. SECONDLY,THIS ANNOUNCEMENT DOES NOT MEAN THAT A SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, AND IT CERTAINLY DOES NOT MEAN THAT SANCTIONS ARE ABOUT TO BE LIFTED.

ON THE CONTRARY,IT IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE THAT  
IN THE COMING MONTHS THE SECURITY OF COMMERCIAL INFORMATION  
SHOULD BE CAREFULLY GUARDED.

ON SIMILAR OCCASIONS IN THE PAST WHEN SETTLEMENT  
EXPECTATIONS HAVE ARISEN, OUR ECONOMIC EFFORT HAS BEEN  
PREJUDICED BECAUSE OF COMPLACENCY AND CARELESSNESS

FINALLY, I CALL ON ALL RHODESIANS OF ALL RACES TO  
ACCEPT THE NEW SITUATION IN OUR COUNTRY; TO PUT BEHIND US  
THE DIFFERENCES AND THE RECRIMINATIONS OF THE PAST AND TO  
LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE.

I ASK YOU TO GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO HELP CREATE CONDITIONS  
OF HARMONY AND PEACE. WE LIVE IN A WORLD IN WHICH MANY  
COUNTREIS ARE BESET BY FAMINE AND INTERNAL STRIFE.

BY CONTRAST WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOOD FOR OUR OWN  
REQUIREMENTS AND WE ARE IN A POSITION TO HELP ALLEVIATE  
MISERY AND STARVATION ELSEWHERE.

FURTHERMORE, OUR INTERNAL RACE RELATIONS,IN SPITE  
OF CURRENT PROBLEMS,ARE EASIER AND MORE RELAXED THAN IN  
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MOST COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE DIFFERENCE RACIAL COMMUNITIES.

LET US BUILD ON THIS FOUNDATION. LET US ALL DO OUR  
BEST TO ESTABLISH A CLIMATE OF MUTUAL RESPECT IN WHICH  
CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS CAN BE DISCUSSED CALMLY AND  
OBJECTIVELY IN THE HOPE THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO REACH A  
SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL  
RHODESIANS.

I MAKE THIS APPEAL TO YOU, BELIEVING THAT WHILE THIS  
MAY TURN OUT TO BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT,THE  
MAJOR TASK STILL LIES AHEAD WITH MANY COMPLEX PROBLEMS  
WHICH WILL TAX OUR ABILITY, OUR PATIENCE AND OUR STRENGTH.

IT WILL TAKE THE BEST OF OUR WELL-KNOWN RHODESIAN SPIRIT  
AND COURAGE IF WE ARE TO WIN THROUGH. IN THE LIGHT OF OUR  
PAST HISTORY I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT E SHALL BE FOUND  
WANTING IN THIS REGARD. END TEXT.

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